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PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/228 AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

RECENT ACTIONS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER BODIES OF RELEVANCE TO THE PREPARATORY PROCESS

Note by the Secretariat

At its eleventh session held in New York from 22 April to 3 May 1991, the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development adopted resolution 1 (XI), in which, inter alia, it requested the Chairman of the Committee to transmit Part A of the resolution to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development as the substantive contribution of the Intergovernmental Committee to the work of the Preparatory Committee.

In pursuance of the above-mentioned request, Part A of resolution 1 (XI) is reproduced in the annex to this note.

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Annex

Resolution 1 (XI) of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development

Science and technology for development in the 1990s

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Environmentally sound technology

The Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/14 A to E of 26 October 1989, 44/228 of 22 December 1989 and S-18/3 of 1 May 1990,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of ensuring the participation of developing countries in international cooperation for research on and development of environmentally sound technologies, and the rapid and effective transfer of such technologies to the developing countries as well as the report of the ACSTD; 1/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make those reports available to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development before the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference for consideration, together with the views expressed by delegations on the subject during the eleventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee;

3. Requests the Centre for Science and Technology for Development to prepare, in cooperation with the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and other relevant United Nations bodies, a comprehensive study on the utilization and marketing of energy technologies, drawing upon the studies conducted by other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and based on legislative, institutional and other specific experiences of selected countries and focusing on policy issues and options for an effective transfer and application of environmentally sound technologies, and to report to the Intergovernmental Committee thereon at its twelfth session;

4. Considers it important that ways of improving the dissemination of information on environmentally sound technologies, including the establishment of a network of national and international research centres on environmentally sound technologies, based primarily on existing regional research, development and demonstration centres and data banks, linking the regional centres to national institutions and enterprises, should be examined by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development as a modality for access to environmentally sound technology;

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5. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to make available to the Secretary-General of the Conference the technical resources of the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for Development in order to contribute to the preparatory work of the Conference on the transfer of environmentally sound technology to all countries, in particular to developing countries.

6. Requests the Chairman of the Committee to transmit Part A of the present resolution to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference as the substantive contribution of the Intergovernmental Committee to the work of the Preparatory Committee.